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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM MIKLOS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATIONS

1. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY HERE DID NOT APPRECIATE AT ALL THE RECENT WASHINGTON POST EDITORIAL AND OTHER US PUBLIC MEDIA TREATMENT OF THE ASSASSINATION OF TWO US AIR FORCE OFFICIERS. WE BELIEVE THERE IS A REAL POSSIBILITY THAT FURTHER ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO CARRY OUT THE TERRORISTI THREATS TO MURDER NINE US OFFICIALS HERE, AND WE ALREADY HAVE FAIRLY CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE THAT NUMBER OF OFFICERS, PRINCIPALLY MILITARY, HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SURVEILLANCE THESE PAST FEW DAYS. NEEDLESS TO SAY THE POST EDITORIAL AND OTHER MEDIA TREATMENT GIVES AID, COMFORT, AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE TERRORISTS AND MAKES PRECISELY THE POINT THE TERRORISTS WISH TO REGISTER. WHILE THERE IS PROBABLY LITTLE OR NOTHING THAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT THIS, I WOULD LIKE TO FEEL THAT SOME RESPONSIBLE USG OFFICIAL COULD TAKE NOTE OF THE DISSERVICE THIS KIND
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OF BPUBLICITY RENDERS TO MANY FINE LOYAL AMERICANS WHO

ARE DOING THEIR BEST TO CARRY OUT OFFICIAL USGOVERNMENT
POLICY IN THIS FRIENDLY NATION.

2. WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES
AND HAVE THEIR FULL COOPERATION IN ATTEMPTING TO
AVOID FURTHER TRAGEDIES. IN CONTRAST TO US MEDIA
ATTITUDES, THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT, PRESS, AND PUBLIC
HAVE BEEN AS ONE IN ROUNDLY CONDEMNING THE NEEDLESS
AND COWARDLY ACTS THAT TOOK PLACE LAST WEEK. USIS
IS TRANSMITTING SOME EXAMPLES.
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